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report listing brief and sketchy order of battle information for the Trans-Caucasus area, some data on PVO. and military schools

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# SOVIET ORDER OF BATTLE DATA, REDUCTION OF THE ARMED FORCES, AND REORGANIZATION WITHIN THE SOVIET ARMY

## Introduction

Although this report mentions many military units, installations, and schools, the information given, in most cases, is extremely meager. In some cases, it does not extend beyond hearsay of the existence of the unit or installation.

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Some of the Order of Battle information dates back to pre-1950.

The following is a list of locations referred to in this report, with coordinates for each (all are in the USSR):

ARMAVIR N45-00, E41-08	KISLOVOODSK N43-55, E42-43
ASHTARAK N40-18, E44-22	KRASNOVODSK N40-00, E53-00
BALADZHARY N40-23, E49-55	MAKEYEVKA N48-02, E37-58
IMAMSHALU N40-02, E44-30	MARDAKYANY N40-30, E50-09
KALUGA N54-30, E36-18	NORAGAVIT N40-08, E44-29
KAMARLU N39-57, E44-33	NUPARASHEN N40-07, E44-32
KANAKER N40-13, E44-32	OSIPENKO N46-54, E36-49
KHALMAS Not listed, but allegedly near BAKU	STALINO N48-00, E37-48
KIROVAKAN N40-48, E44-30	VOLSK N52-03, E47-24

<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>
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### A. SOVIET ORDER OF BATTLE DATA

#### 1. Military District Headquarters and Line Units

Tbilisi Military District	Unk	TBILISI	CO was unknown.	25X1
<p>this Military District had been activated shortly after WW II when the former Trans-Caucasian Military District was split into this Tbilisi Military District and the Baku Military District.</p>				25X1 25X1
U/i Motorized Infantry Division	Unk (possibly to Tbilisi Military District)	KANAKER	CO was unknown. elements of this unit participating in the twice-yearly parades in YEREVAN (1 May and 7 November)	25X1
<p>this unit arrived in KANAKER in 1949.</p>				25X1

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this division referred to as the "Sevastopol Division" and, during parades the CG of the Yerevan Garrison<sup>1</sup> greet them with the words "Greetings, comrades Sevastopolites!" ("Zdravstvuyte, tovarishchi Sevastopoltsy!") The CG of the Garrison was an Army lieutenant general, name unknown; the line unit he commanded (possibly this "Sevastopol" Division). The compound of the division was a large camp about seven or eight kilometers west of KAN-  
AKER.

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U/i Infantry  
RegimentUnk  
(possibly Tbilisi  
Mil Dist Hq)YEREVAN  
(See Annex A, Item  
1)CO was unknown. This  
unit was located several  
hundred meters north of

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Special Inter-  
mediate Air Force School  
in YEREVAN (See Annex A, Item 2) during the years 1947 to May 1950,  
soldiers wearing infantry shoulderboards from this unit. In 1949, there was a large  
flood in that section of the city this regiment  
had lost its regimental colors during this flood.

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U/i Tank Unit

Unk  
(possibly Tbilisi  
Mil Dist Hq)

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CO was unknown.  
elements of this unit  
consisting of 15 to 20  
T-34 tanks during  
the twice-yearly parades  
in YEREVAN. The tanks

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usually arrived in town the evening before the parades  
the tank unit was located at a considerable distance from YEREVAN.

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U/i Tank Unit

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KHARKOV

CO was an unidentified  
lieutenant general who  
was also commander of the  
Kharkov Garrison<sup>1</sup>.

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elements representing  
it participate in the twice-yearly ceremonial parades on 1 May and 7 November.  
About 20 or 30 T-54 tanks<sup>2</sup> would assemble in KHARKOV the evening before each such  
parade, and be lined up with other units in parade formation to be inspected by the  
garrison commander.

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U/i Artillery  
Unit

Unk

KHARKOV

elements of an uni-  
dentified artillery unit  
participating in the twice-  
yearly parades in which

most military units in and near KHARKOV participated on 1 May and 7 November. There  
were usually about 20 SU-100 Assault Guns assembled for the parade and inspection.  
Date of information: 1 May 1955.

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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>
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U/i Artillery Unit	Unk	Near BAKU	CO was unknown.
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it was an SU-86 assault gun unit<sup>9</sup>.

U/i Artillery Unit	Unk	BALADZHARY	CO was unknown.
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Sr Lt Vitaliy

VARTANOV, who had completed the Odessa Artillery Officers' School in 1953 or 1954, was stationed in an unidentified artillery unit in BALADZHARY, near BAKU.

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U/i Signal Unit	Unk	LENINGRAD	CO was unknown.
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this compound

was located on

the west side of ulitsa Krasnykh Komandirov, about 500 m north of the Obvodnyy Kanal. The compound was surrounded by a wooden fence

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many items of radar equipment including the SON-4. The personnel

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all wore Army uniforms with Signal branch shoulderboards.

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this unit was of battalion size

U/i Infantry Unit	Unk	LENINGRAD (see Annex B, Item 1)
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soldiers in the area with Army uniforms and infantry shoulderboards.

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Date of information: 1957.

U/i Infantry Unit	Unk	KHARKOV
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CO was unknown.

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elements of this unidentified unit participating in twice-yearly ceremonial parades in KHARKOV.

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the number of men in the parade formations at 70 to 80

U/i AAA Unit	Unk	LENINGRAD (See Annex B, Item 3)
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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>
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[redacted] in July 1956, the area had been vacated, but the physical improvements (concrete hardstands, poles, etc.) had not been dismantled. [redacted] the same or some similar unit might move into the area. While the unit was still there [redacted] about 10 AAA guns (model or type unknown, but an estimated caliber of from 60 to 80 mm), and one radar station, which [redacted] might have been a SON-4.

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U/i AAA Unit	Unk	ASHTARAK	CO was unknown.
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[redacted] near ASHTARAK [redacted] an antiaircraft site with about 15 to 20 unidentified antiaircraft artillery guns and a radar station, which [redacted] might have been a SON-3K.<sup>4</sup>

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U/i Units	Unk	KIROVAKAN	In 1949,
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[redacted] there were many units of different types (Air Force, artillery, infantry, armor) stationed in or near KIROVAKAN [redacted] many soldiers and many unidentified tanks and artillery guns in or near the town.

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U/i Military Installation	Unk	LENINGRAD (See Annex B, Item 2)	CO was unknown. [redacted] (an unidentified ZOS (Zemnoye Obespecheniye Samoleto-Vozhdeniya, Ground Support of Aeronautical Navigation)
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battalion, (see below)

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[redacted] the other part of the compound was occupied by unidentified troops.

[redacted] this was an artillery unit. See Annex C for

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[redacted] sketch of the area.

## 2. PVO Headquarters and Units<sup>5</sup>

Main Staff (Glavny Shtab), PVO	General Staff, Soviet Army	MOSCOW	CO was unknown.
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[redacted] it was subordinate to the General Staff

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Moscow PVO District (Okrug) Hq	Main Staff, PVO	MOSCOW	CO was unknown.
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Baku PVO District (Okrug) Hq	Main Staff, PVO	BAKU	CO was a Marshal of Aviation, name unknown.
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if a person were once assigned there, it was very difficult to effect a transfer.

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subordinate units located in MARDAKYANY, BALADZHARY, and KHAIMAS.

Kharkov Army PVO (Kharkovskaya Armiya PVO)	Main Staff, PVO	KHARKOV	CO was unknown.
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an unidentified (possibly the 412th) Separate Radio Technical Battalion near

STALINO. This Separate Radio Technical Battalion (ORTB, Otdelnyy Radio-Tekhnicheskii Batalyon) was subordinate to the Donbass Region PVO, which was subordinate to the Kharkov Army PVO.

The Kharkov Army PVO, as a separate headquarters, was deactivated in 1954, and after that time, the Donbass Region PVO was subordinate to the Kiev Military District Headquarters.

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U/i Army PVO Hq <sup>6</sup>	Main Staff, PVO	LENINGRAD (See Annex B, Item 10)	CO was unknown.
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Donbas Region PVO (Donbaskiy Rayon PVO)	Kiev Military District	MAKEYEVKA	CO was unknown.
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(possibly the 412th) Separate Radio Technical Battalion

near STALINO, which was subordinate to the Donbass Region PVO. Until 1954, when the Kharkov Army PVO was deactivated, the Donbass Region PVO was subordinate to the Kharkov Army PVO.

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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>
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U/i PVO Fighter Regiment	Baku District PVO	KRASNOVODSK	CO was unknown.
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KRASNOVODSK was a dry, barren place

U/i PVO Fighter Regiment	Donbas Region PVO	STALINO	CO was unknown.
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Battalion in STALINO serviced the unidentified PVO Fighter regiment based on an airfield adjacent to the battalion area. a P-20 radar site about 20 km northeast of STALINO, where the headquarters of the 1st Co of the unidentified Separate Radio Technical Battalion and also the operational headquarters of the unidentified PVO fighter regiment were located.

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U/i Radio Technical Regiment	Ultimately to Baku District PVO	MARDAKYANY	CO was unknown.
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Engineer Lt Viktor Andreyevich SVIRIDENKO, was assigned to this unit as Deputy to the Chief Engineer.

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U/i Separate Radio Technical Bn (4127)	Donbas Region PVO	STALINO	CO was an unidentified lieutenant colonel.
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The battalion mission was to provide radar and communications support to a fighter regiment (PVO) stationed at the airfield immediately outside STALINO. The battalion consisted of a headquarters, two Special Radio Technical Companies (the 1st and 2d) (Spets Radio-Tekhnicheskaya Rota)<sup>7</sup>, and a Signal Co.

the strength at about 50 officers and 250 to 300 EM; all of them wore the Army uniform. the battalion was understrength, since some of the elements such as the radar crews, were operating without a full complement. All officers in the battalion were armed with TT or Nagant pistols, specific model unknown, while the EM were armed with PPSH submachine guns. The only weapon other than small arms, was a 7.62 mm Maxim machine gun, at battalion headquarters.

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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>
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**Headquarters**

Staff officers at battalion headquarters included a Political Deputy (major); a Deputy for Line Matters (major); a Training Deputy, (major); a Technical Deputy (captain); and a Chief Engineer (captain). A Classified Documents Section (Sekretnaya Chast), consisting of three EM, was headed by an unidentified senior lieutenant or captain [redacted]. An unidentified medical lieutenant was chief of a medical section of about five EM.

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A Housekeeping Section (Khozyaystvennaya Chast) of about 10 men<sup>was</sup>/headed by an unidentified senior lieutenant; this section operated ration breakdown, POL supply and issue, and similar activities. There was a training platoon of about 30 to 40 recruits, commanded by an unidentified lieutenant. Other sections in battalion headquarters included a radio technical repair shop with about 15 EM, a messhall with five or six EM, and a motor pool operated by about 10 men. The motor pool had two GAZ-67 and five GAZ-63 trucks.

**1st Co (Special Radio Technical)**

The 1st Co was identical in structure [redacted] to the 2d Co. Each company operated three radar stations in widely separated areas within the Donbass PVO Region.

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[redacted] the 1st Co had a P-8 radar station at OSIPENKO, a P-20 station at an unidentified location, and a P-20 and a P-8 set at company headquarters about 20 km northeast of STALINO. This latter location was also the site of the Operations Command Post of the Fighter Regiment. At each of the radar points there was also an IFF set (NRZ, Nazemnyy Radio Zaproschik). The total strength of the company was about 15 officers and 50 to 60 EM.

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The CO was an unidentified junior lieutenant who also acted as crew chief of the P-20 set at company headquarters. His Political Deputy was an unidentified senior lieutenant. There were three unidentified officers (including the CO) who were chiefs of radar stations (nachalnik stantsii). Each P-20 radar station was manned by about five or six officers and about 15 EM. The officer positions included the crew chief, a senior and a junior technician on the indicator trailer, and an officer in charge of the power unit. Each P-8 radar station had one officer and four EM operators. All radar stations were operated on a 24-hours-a-day basis.

There were two GAZ-63 trucks at company headquarters, eight ZIS-150 trucks at each P-20 radar station, and two ZIS-150 trucks at each P-8 radar station.

**3d Co (Signal) (Rota Svyazi)**

The 3d Co (Signal) had about three to five officers and about 40 to 50 EM. Its mission was to maintain communications within the battalion, with the fighter regiment which the battalion supported, and with Donbass PVO Region headquarters in MAKEYEVKA. It had about 10 radio transmitters (BAFKV-5 and RAS-UKV), which were set up at each radar station, one at the airfield, one at battalion headquarters, and possibly one at MAKEYEVKA. From the headquarters of the 1st Co [redacted] there was a military telephone line to battalion headquarters which was maintained by this signal company,

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[redacted] The CO and the Technical Deputy were both lieutenants, [redacted] the Political Deputy was also a lieutenant. Each radio set had a crew of three EM, commanded by a sergeant. There were about 20 trucks in the company, of which about 10 were ZIS-150's and the rest, GAZ-63's [redacted]

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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>
U/i ZOS Battalion	U/i PVO Army Hq in LENIN- GRAD <sup>5</sup>	LENINGRAD (See Annex C and Annex B, Item 2)	CO was a lieutenant colonel. All per- sonnel in this unit wore Air Force uni- forms. The mission

of this unit was to furnish ground support to aeronautical navigation. It was only one of several other like battalions operating in Leningrad Oblast.

The equipment of this unit included about 10 to 15 radio beacons (Radio-Moyak), model PAR-3B (mounted on ZIS-150 trucks) and an unknown number of searchlights of unknown model. The radio beacons and the searchlights were set up at locations scattered throughout Leningrad Oblast. Lt Aleksandr Ilyich KULISH, platoon commander of the searchlight platoon of an unidentified company

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the battalion consisted of two companies

The Political Deputy was an unidentified captain, and at the battalion headquarters (see pinpoint location in Annex B), a total of approximately 6 officers and 10 EM. The officers were armed with unidentified pistols and the EM with PPSH submachine guns. Unit vehicles were GAZ-67 and ZIS-150 trucks, Other personnel were Lt Fedor TEPLINSKIY, commander of an unidentified platoon (possibly the Radio Beacon Platoon) and Lt Vladimir Matveevich MATYASH, commander of the Training Platoon.<sup>8</sup>

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U/i PVO Unit	Ultimately to Baku District PVO	Unk	KHALMAS	CO was unknown.
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U/i PVO Unit	Ultimately to Baku District PVO	Unk	BALADZHARY	CO was unknown.
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### 3. Military Schools

Red Banner Military Academy of Communication	Ministry of Defense	Unk	LENINGRAD (See Annex B, Item 4)	CO was unknown.
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It Col ANDERSON taught at the Artillery Radio Technical School in LENIN-GRAD (see below).

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Radio Technical Academy (see below)		the Kharkov Artillery	
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graduates of this Academy wore diamond-shaped insignia on the right breast pocket of their tunics bearing the designation "VKAS" (Voyennaya Krasnoznamennaya Akademiya Svyazi).

the main mission of this Academy was training; a secondary activity was research. There were about 2,000 student cadets attending the Academy. all wearing Army uniforms with Signal branch shoulderboards and insignia. all training and research work dealt with electronic communications, including radar and radio. the Academy served the Army, Navy, and Air Force. This Academy had several annexes in Leningrad.

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Artillery Radio Technical School	Unk	LENINGRAD (See Annex B, Item 5)	CO was unknown. Engr Lt Col ANDERSON (fnu), who taught at the Red Banner Military Academy of Communication, also taught here.
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Higher Artillery Radio Technical School	Unk	LENINGRAD (See Annex B, Item 6)	military personnel in Army uniforms.
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Artillery Preparatory School (Artel'leriskoye Podgotovitel'noye Uchilishche)	Ministry of Armed Forces	YEREVAN (See Annex A, Item 3)	CO was an unidentified major general. This school was deactivated in 1949, and some of the former students were transferred to the Special Intermediate Air Force School.
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The artillery school had been a three-year school, consisting of the 8th, 9th, and 10th classes, after which the graduates were required to attend an officers' school. The students wore a green shirt or tunic, green trousers, and narrow black shoulderboards with a gold border and crossed cannons.

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Artillery Radio Technical Academy i/n Govorov	Main Staff PVO	KHARKOV (See Annex D, and Annex E)	CO was an unidentified lieutenant general of artillery.
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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>
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The primary mission of the Academy was training; the secondary mission was research. Permanent personnel consisted of about 500 faculty members, technicians, and laboratory workers; a Guard Co of about 100 to 150 men; a housekeeping unit (Khoz-yaystvennaya Chast); a Classified Documents Section (Sekretnaya Chast); an Intelligence Section (Osobyi Otdel); and a Personnel Section (Otdel Kadrov); all of these elements were of unknown strength and composition.

The faculty, with the exception of a few civilian women, was comprised of military personnel, about two-thirds of whom were in Army uniform, and one-third in Air Force uniform. There was a total of about 1,500 students, all of whom were officers, except for a very small number of first year students who were privates. No personnel except members of the Guard Company carried weapons.

U/i Communications School (Uchilishche Svyazi)	Unk	LENINGRAD (See Annex B, Item 7)	
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all students were Soviet Army personnel. This school had a three-year curriculum and the students graduated as a lieutenant or a technical lieutenant. A prerequisite for admission was the completion of 10 years of schooling.

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U/i Armored School	Unk	KHARKOV (See Annex F)	CO was unknown.
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it was located on the western outskirts of KHARKOV.

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U/i Artillery School	Unk	ROSTOV	CO was unknown.
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U/i Artillery School	Unk	TBILISI	CO was unknown.
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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>
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U/i Artillery School	Unk	ODESSA	CO was unknown.
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U/i Higher Artillery Engineer School	Unk	ROSTOV	CO was unknown.
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U/i Infantry School	Unk	ROSTOV	CO was unknown.
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U/i Infantry School	Unk	ODESSA	CO was unknown.
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U/i Infantry School	Unk	VOLSK	CO was unknown.
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U/i Border Guard Officers' School	Unk	KHARKOV (See Annex F)	CO was unknown.
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Guard Officers' School [redacted] this Border building four or five stories high and 50 to 75 m long, surrounded by a stone wall; the compound measured about 100 to 150 m in length and 50 to 70 m in depth. There was no unit designation marked at the entrance, but there were two stone statues of what appeared to be Border Guards at the main entrance gate. [redacted] many references to this installation as being a Border Guard Officers' School.

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U/i MVD Political School	Unk	KHARKOV (See Annex F)	CO was unknown.
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[redacted] the MVD Political School.  
[redacted] was located on the western edge of KHARKOV.

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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>	25X1
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cadets at this school were an Army uniform with garrison cap, and dark blue shoulderboards with a gold border and dark blue piping, with no metallic insignia. Cadets graduated from this school with the grade of lieutenant.

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U/i MGB Political School	Unk	TBILISI	CO was unknown.	
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#### 4. Border Guard Units<sup>9</sup>

U/i Border Guard Hq	Unk	YEREVAN (See Annex A, Item 4)	the CO was an unidentified major general.	25X1 25X1
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a sign on the building which housed this headquarters which read "Ministry of Internal Affairs" (Ministerstvo Vnutrennikh Del).

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U/i Border Guard Detachment	Unk	NUPARASHEN	CO was unknown.	
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many Border Guard officers and EM in the town a Border Guard detachment headquarters was located there.

there was, in addition to other troop units, a contingent of about 60 or 70 Border Guards commanded by an unidentified lieutenant. Possibly subordinate to this Border Guard detachment was an unidentified Border Guard unit, possibly a zastava, in KAMARLU, where Border Guard personnel enter and leave a building which looked like a military headquarters.

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two road check points, each with a removable road barrier. One check point, on the south edge of NORAGAVIT, was manned by an unidentified officer and four or five Border Guard EM armed with unidentified carbines, caliber 7.62. The second check point, on the north edge of IMAMSHALU, was manned by three or four Border Guard EM, similarly armed.

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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>
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U/1 Border Guard Unit	Unk	Unk	CO was unknown.
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5. MVD and MGB Headquarters

U/1 MVD and MGB Hq	Unk	LENINGRAD (See Annex B, Item 8)	CO was unknown. This headquarters building (shown as item number 8 on Annex B), was known colloquially to the populace of LENINGRAD and to the persons who work-
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ed there as "The Big House" (Bolshoy Dom).

many uniformed personnel of the KGB and the Soviet Border Guard entering and leaving the building.

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the telephone prefix for this headquarters Zh-9, followed by four more digits for the desired particular office (Example: Zh-9XXXX). One entrance to this building was identified by a sign which read "Office for Issue of Passes to Forbidden Zones" (Otdel Vydachi Propuskov<sup>v</sup> Zapretnive Zony) or similar wording.

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MGB Hq of the Armenian Republic	Unk	YEREVAN (See Annex A, Item 4)	CO was unknown. This headquarters was housed in the same compound with the Border Guard headquarters (see page 13). The headquarters was identified by a large sign on the front of the building. in Russian and Armenian which read
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Intermediate Air Force School) "People's Commissariat of State Security of the Armenian Republic" (Narodnyy Komissariat Gosudarstvennoy Bezopasnosti, Armyanskoy Respubliki). in June 1950, this sign changed to read "Ministry" (Ministerstvo) instead of the words "People's Commissariat."

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6. Komendaturas

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Leningrad Komendatura	Commander of the Leningrad Garrison	LENINGRAD (See Annex B, Item 9)	The CO was an Army major general, name and branch unknown.
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strength of this unit at about 30 to 40 EM.

Kharkov Komendatura	Commander of the Kharkov Garrison	KHARKOV (See Annex D)	CO was an unidentified colonel of artillery. his name was MAKAR-YAN) who replaced Col TIKHOMIROV, (fnu), Infantry, in 1953.
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The CO of the Kharkov Garrison, to which this komendatura was subordinate, was a lieutenant general, name unknown, Armored branch, who commanded an unidentified armored unit stationed in or near KHARKOV. Permanent komendatura personnel consisted of a total of about 15 officers and about 45 to 50 EM. This figure included a Headquarters Platoon (Komendantskiy Vzvod) of one officer and about 30 EM, four officer Assistants to the CO (Dezhurnyy Pomoshchnik Komendanta), six to eight Duty Officers (Dezhurnyy po Komendaturoy), and a Chief of the Guardhouse (Nachalnik Gaupvakhti). The officers were armed with TT pistols (year unknown) and the EM were armed with PPSH submachine guns. The komendatura had about three GAZ-63 trucks and one Pobeda sedan.

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Komendatura of the Yerevan Garrison	Commander of the Yerevan Garrison	YEREVAN (See Annex A, Item 5)	CO was Lt Col POTAROV (fnu).
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located in the same city. the komendatura unit.

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there was a total of about 40 to 45 EM in this unit, including a Headquarters Platoon (Komendantskiy Vzvod) of about 30 EM, all of whom were armed with PPSH submachine guns.

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7. Miscellaneous

U/i Radio and Electronic Equipment Repair Shop	Chief Directorate of Artillery (GAU-Glavnoye Artilleriskoye Upravleniye)	KALUGA	CO was unknown. repair shop (Remontnaya Masterskaya),
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*Colt. K-3/682, 862*

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all military personnel who worked in this repair shop were Army personnel of the Artillery branch. [redacted] the radar set ARSOM-1 (Artillery Radar Set for Mortar Detection--Artilleriskaya Radiolokatsionnaya Stantsiya Obnaruzheniya Minometov) [redacted] was repaired at the Kaluga repair shop. [redacted]

#### B. REDUCTION OF SOVIET ARMED FORCES

During 1955 and 1956 [redacted] reduction in the Soviet armed forces. [redacted] gleaned from newspapers and other publications. In 1955, the reduction was supposed to be 600,000 men, [redacted] this included the normal demobilization group; [redacted] this full reduction was actually effected.

In 1956, the reduction was supposed to be 1,200,000 men. [redacted] the opinion often expressed that both reductions were accomplished by weeding out ineffective units and individuals, thereby raising the standard of efficiency and discipline in the armed forces. [redacted] in the newspapers of some unidentified ships being decommissioned, but these were all of obsolete types.

In 1955 and 1956, the Ministry of Defense took some action in discharging unqualified officers. [redacted] one specific case, that of a former senior lieutenant of artillery, name and former unit unknown. Who was discharged in 1956 for excessive drinking. [redacted] officers were under increased pressure to work harder, improve their efficiency, and to conduct themselves properly. [redacted] many officers felt great concern over the possibility of being discharged. There was a bit of doggerel current at the time:

*Two shots (of liquor),	(Dva po dvesti,
Arrest order,	zapiska ob areste,
Court martial,	Sud chesti,
Million, two hundred.*	Million dvesti.)

The meaning of this bit of verse was that if an officer took a couple of drinks he would be included in the 1,200,000 men being released from the Armed Forces; this reflected the then-current fear of discharge held by the officers.

[redacted] in the mobilization and demobilization orders published by the Ministry of Defense, no

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figures were mentioned; only the general categories or age classes of those subject to mobilization or eligible for discharge were mentioned in these orders. [redacted] no plans for reductions after 1956.

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### C. REORGANIZATION WITHIN THE SOVIET ARMY

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[redacted] in the Soviet Army, infantry was being converted to motorized infantry (Moto-pekhota) and [redacted] all cavalry units were being deactivated.

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### COMMENTS

1. [redacted] specific "garrisons" (Garnizony), such as the Leningrad, Kharkov, and the Yerevan Garrisons [redacted] in Soviet military terminology, a garrison in this sense meant all uniformed units and personnel in a city or town and its environs. It was customary for the ranking officer within the geographical area to be assigned the additional responsibility for operation of the komendatura (similar to the US Military Police) and the behavior and conduct of all uniformed personnel.

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2. [redacted] T-54 [redacted] the type of tank [redacted] seen in these Kharkov parades. [redacted] five types of tanks: the T-34, "T-50", T-54, KV (Klim Voroshilov), and the JS series.

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3. [redacted] terminology "SU-86". However, local holdings show no such caliber or designation, and it is believed [redacted] either "SU-76" or "SU-85".

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4. [redacted] the SON-3K radar set [redacted] described [redacted] as being one in which the body of the trailer van rotated on a turntable on the trailer chassis.

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5. The PVO was reorganized in early 1954 as a consequence of several incidents prior to 1954, in which unidentified planes (allegedly foreign) intruded into the air space of the Soviet Union (two planes on at least one occasion in early 1954 in the Kharkov area), and did so with impunity because of the inefficiency of the PVO units responsible for locating and tracking aircraft.

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[redacted] the reorganization resulted in a stricter enforcement of discipline, a general improvement in efficiency and operational standards, and increased pressure on all PVO personnel, but that after two or three months, conditions gradually returned to the previous lax state [redacted] described as "Bordak" (loosely translated as "state of chaos").

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COMMENTS (continued)

Before the reorganization, the operational chain of command was: Main Staff PVO (Glavnyy Shtab PVO), District PVO (Okrug PVO), Region PVO (Rayon PVO), operational units. Each region included one or two fighter regiments, one or two battalions (Divisiony) of supporting AAA units, and one or two regiments of supporting radar units. [redacted] an Army PVO (Armiya PVO) as an intermediate headquarters which included two or more regions [redacted]

[redacted] (It is believed [redacted] that the Army PVO and District PVO were different terms for the same type of headquarters [redacted])

In the course of reorganization, all PVO districts were deactivated (with the exception of the Baku and Moscow Districts and possibly one other unidentified district), and the command of PVO Regions was transferred to the jurisdiction and operational control of the Military Districts (Voyenniye Okrug) in which the regions were located.

6. [redacted] headquarters Shtab Armiy (Army Headquarters). Although this may have been the third PVO District which [redacted] retained its separate identity after the reorganization of 1954 (see comment 3 above). [redacted]

7. [redacted] the term Spets Radio-Tekhnika was used to mean radar specifically, while Radio-Tekhnika was a generic term meaning electronics in general and radio technology in particular.

9. [redacted] the Aviation Engineering School in KHARKOV [redacted] some unidentified engineer officers, up to and including the grade of captain, who wore the standard Air Force uniform, but with green caps, green collar tabs, and shoulderboards with a green border and a green center stripe. [redacted] they were members of an air branch of the Soviet Border Guard. Four or five of these officers attended a two-month technical refresher [redacted] each summer. [redacted]

[redacted] The existence of a naval branch of the Soviet Border Guard was confirmed [redacted]

10. [redacted] the demarcation in the Soviet Armed Forces between Army and Air Force elements was quite fluid, [redacted] an officer could be transferred very readily from Air Force elements to Army elements and vice versa. [redacted]

[redacted] officers were not strictly bound by any hard-and-fast rule, and were apparently allowed a wide latitude of discretion and choice.

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Annex A

LOCATION OF MILITARY UNITS IN YEREVAN, USSR

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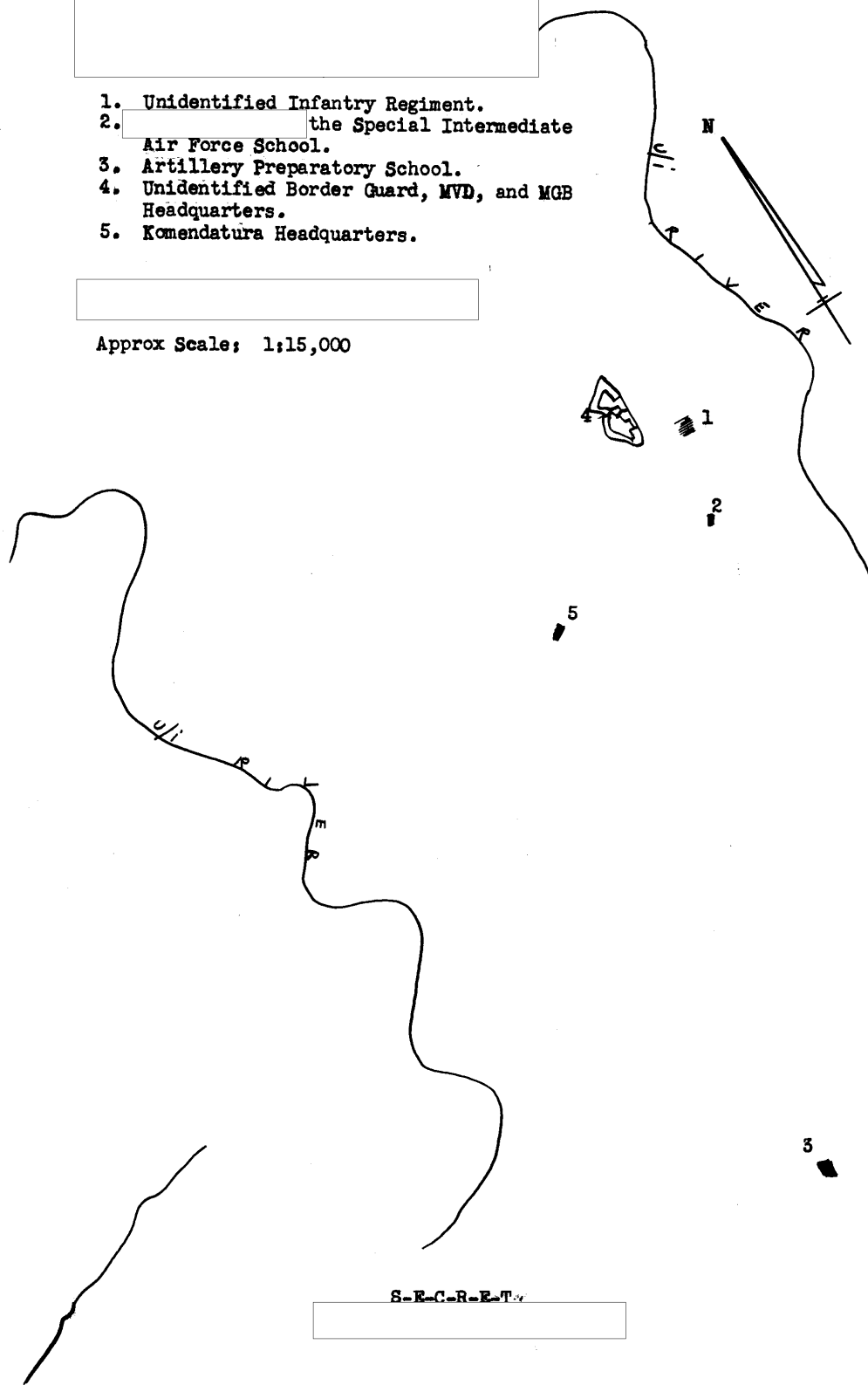
1. Unidentified Infantry Regiment.
2. the Special Intermediate Air Force School.
3. Artillery Preparatory School.
4. Unidentified Border Guard, MVD, and MGB Headquarters.
5. Komendatura Headquarters.

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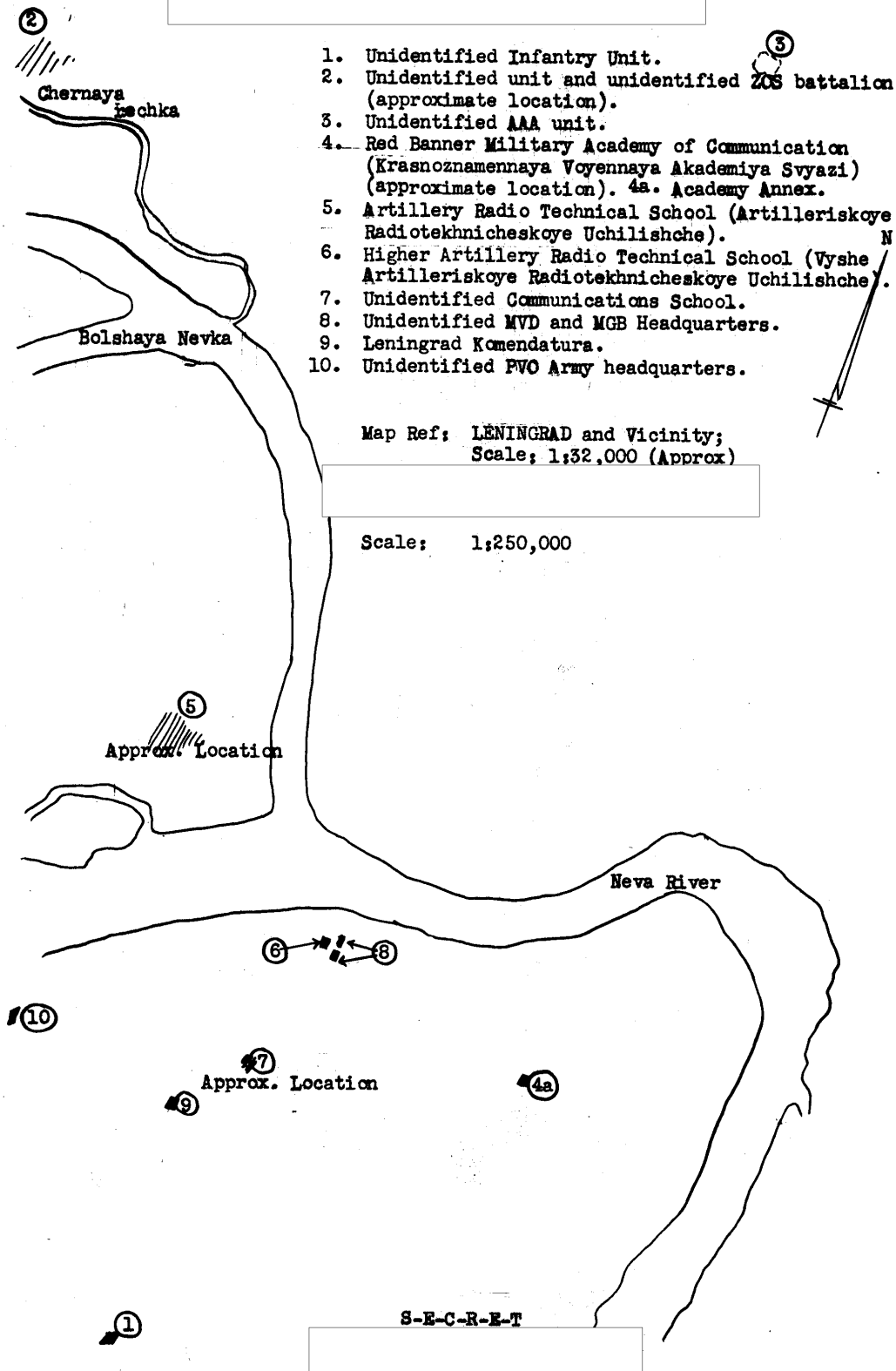
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Annex B

## LOCATION OF MILITARY UNITS IN LENINGRAD, USSR

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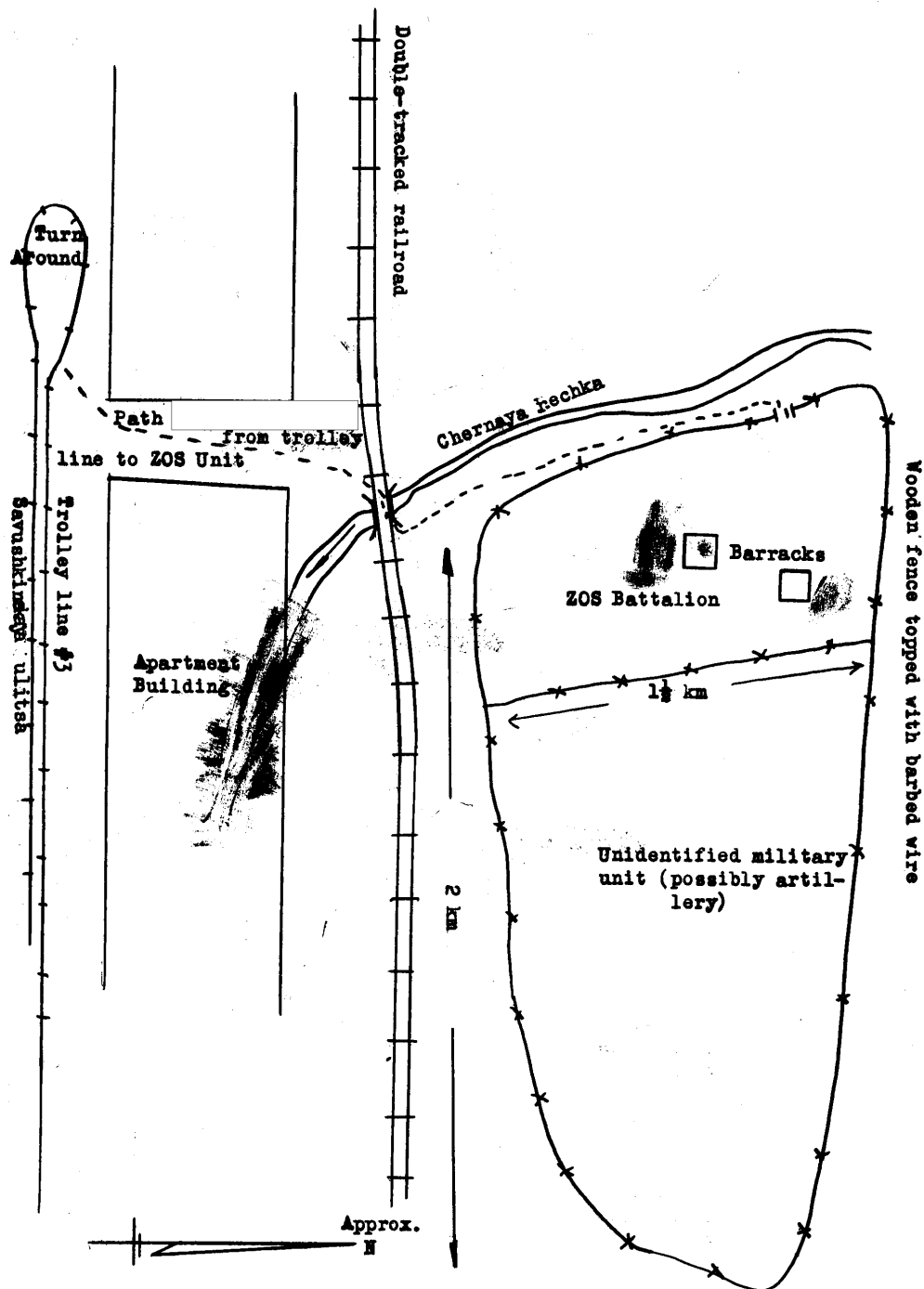
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Annex C

SKETCH OF THE COMPOUND OF AN UNIDENTIFIED ZOS (PVO) BATTALION  
HEADQUARTERS AT LENINGRAD, USSR

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**LOCATION OF MILITARY  
UNITS IN KHARKOV, USSR**

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General area of the ~~Academy~~  
Radio Technical Academy Main  
Building (See Annex E)

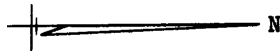
Sumskaya ulitsa

Komendatura

Dormitory and  
Classroom Annex of the Artil-  
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Air Force General Staff

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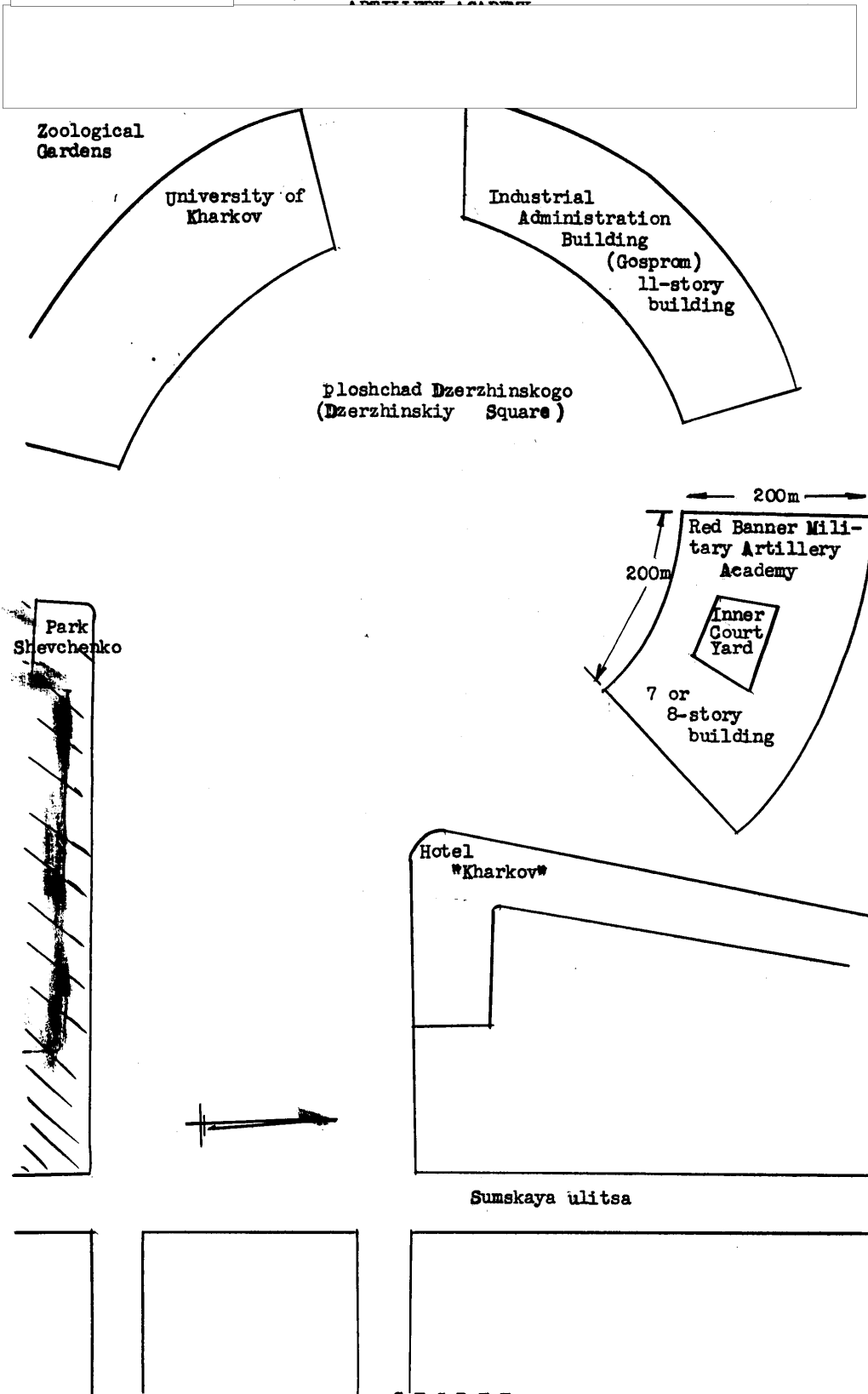
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Annex E

A SECTION OF KHARKOV, USSR SHOWING LOCATION OF THE MILITARY



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Annex F

LOCATION OF UNITS IN KHARKOV, USSR

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Unidentified  
Border Guard  
Officers'  
School

ploshchad  
Dzerzhinskogo  
(Dzerzhinskiy  
Square)

Belgorodskoye  
Shosse

Lopan River

Kharkov River

Sverdlovskaya ulitsa

Unidentified MVD  
Political School

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